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PLAINTIFFS

PROJECT VERITAS, and PROJECT VERITAS ACTION FUND

DEFENDANTS

JAMES O ' KEEFE, TRANSPARENCY 1, LLC d/b/a O ' KEEFE MEDIA GROUP, RC MAXWELL, and ANTHONY IATROPOULOS

ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE)
(DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

Breach of Contract, Fiduciary Duty, Loyalty; Violation of Defend Trade Secrets Act (18 USC 1836); Conversion; Replevin; Indemification; Tortious Interference with Contract

Has this action, case, or proceeding, or one essentially the same been previously filed in SDNY at any time? No Yes Judge Previously Assigned

If yes, was this case Vol. Invol. Dismissed. No Yes If yes, give date _____ & Case No. _____

IS THIS AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CASE?

No Yes

(PLACE AN [x] IN ONE BOX ONLY)

NATURE OF SUIT

		TORTS	ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES			
CONTRACT	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY [] 310 AIRPLANE [] 315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT [] 320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER [] 330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY [] 340 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY [] 345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY [] 350 MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY [] 355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY [] 360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY [] 362 PERSONAL INJURY - MED MALPRACTICE	FORFEITURE/PENALTY [] 367 HEALTHCARE/ PHARMACEUTICAL PERSONAL INJURY/PRODUCT LIABILITY [] 365 PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY [] 368 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY [] 820 COPYRIGHTS [] 830 PATENT [] 370 OTHER FRAUD [] 371 TRUTH IN LENDING	BANKRUPTCY [] 625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY [] 21 USC 881 [] 690 OTHER	PROPERTY RIGHTS [] 880 DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT [] 835 PATENT-ABBREVIATED NEW DRUG APPLICATION [] 840 TRADEMARK	OTHER STATUTES [] 375 FALSE CLAIMS [] 376 QUI TAM [] 400 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT [] 410 ANTITRUST [] 430 BANKS & BANKING [] 450 COMMERCE [] 460 DEPORTATION [] 470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED & CORRUPT ORGANIZATION ACT (RICO) [] 480 CONSUMER CREDIT [] 485 TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
	ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES	PRISONER PETITIONS [] 463 ALIEN DETAINEE [] 510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE 28 USC 2255	LABOR [] 380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE [] 385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY	SOCIAL SECURITY [] 861 HIA (1395ff) [] 862 BLACK LUNG (923) [] 863 DIWC/DIWV (405(g)) [] 864 SSID TITLE XVI [] 865 RSI (405(g))	FEDERAL TAX SUITS [] 710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT [] 720 LABOR/MGMT RELATIONS [] 740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT [] 751 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)	OTHER STATUTES [] 490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV [] 850 SECURITIES/ COMMODITIES/ EXCHANGE [] 890 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS [] 891 AGRICULTURAL ACTS [] 893 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS [] 895 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT [] 896 ARBITRATION [] 899 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT/REVIEW OR APPEAL OF AGENCY DECISION
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS [] 440 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS (Non-Prisoner)	[] 530 HABEAS CORPUS [] 535 DEATH PENALTY [] 540 MANDAMUS & OTHER	IMMIGRATION [] 441 VOTING [] 442 EMPLOYMENT [] 443 HOUSING/ ACCOMMODATIONS [] 445 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - EMPLOYMENT [] 446 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES - OTHER [] 448 EDUCATION	PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS [] 550 CIVIL RIGHTS [] 555 PRISON CONDITION [] 560 CIVIL DETAINEE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT	APPLICATION [] 462 NATURALIZATION [] 465 OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	[] 950 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES

Check if demanded in complaint:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION
UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DO YOU CLAIM THIS CASE IS RELATED TO A CIVIL CASE NOW PENDING IN S.D.N.Y.
AS DEFINED BY LOCAL RULE FOR DIVISION OF BUSINESS 13?

IF SO, STATE:

DEMAND \$ _____ OTHER _____ JUDGE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

Check YES only if demanded in complaint
JURY DEMAND: YES NO

NOTE: You must also submit at the time of filing the Statement of Relatedness form (Form IH-32).

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from (Specify District)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation (Transferred)	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge
<input type="checkbox"/> a. all parties represented						<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Multidistrict Litigation (Direct File)
<input type="checkbox"/> b. At least one party is pro se.						

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. PLAINTIFF	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. DEFENDANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 FEDERAL QUESTION	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 DIVERSITY (U.S. NOT A PARTY)
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IF DIVERSITY, INDICATE CITIZENSHIP BELOW.**CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)**

(Place an [X] in one box for Plaintiff and one box for Defendant)

CITIZEN OF THIS STATE	PTF [] 1	DEF [] 1	CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY	PTF DEF [] 3 [] 3	INCORPORATED and PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE	PTF [] 5	DEF [] 5
CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE	[] 2	[] 2	INCORPORATED or PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE	[] 4 [] 4	FOREIGN NATION	[] 6	[] 6

PLAINTIFF(S) ADDRESS(ES) AND COUNTY(IES)

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 1214 West Boston Post Rd., No. 148, Mamaroneck, NY, 10543, Westchester County

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DEFENDANT(S) ADDRESS UNKNOWN

REPRESENTATION IS HEREBY MADE THAT, AT THIS TIME, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE, WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE, TO ASCERTAIN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:

COURTHOUSE ASSIGNMENT

I hereby certify that this case should be assigned to the courthouse indicated below pursuant to Local Rule for Division of Business 18, 20 or 21.

Check one: THIS ACTION SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO: WHITE PLAINS MANHATTAN

/s/ Jay M. Wolman
 DATE 5/31/2023
 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD
 RECEIPT #

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN THIS DISTRICT
 [] NO
 YES (DATE ADMITTED Mo. 01 Yr. 2016)
 Attorney Bar Code # JW0600

Magistrate Judge is to be designated by the Clerk of the Court.

Magistrate Judge _____ is so Designated.

Ruby J. Krajick, Clerk of Court by _____ Deputy Clerk, DATED _____.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (NEW YORK SOUTHERN)

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